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**MUHLENBERG COUNTY DRUG TRAFFICKER
SENTENCED TO 147 MONTHS**

– Admits to using 33 rifles and 12 handguns to protect his drug business

David L. Huber, United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, announced today that **ANTHONY JAMES SNODGRASS**, age 40, of 580 Phillipstown Road, Bremen, Kentucky, in Muhlenberg County, **was sentenced** to 12 years and 3 months imprisonment in United States District Court, Paducah, Kentucky, for drug trafficking in marijuana, methamphetamine, and hydrocodone worth approximately \$15,000. Thomas B. Russell, Judge, United States District Court, also imposed 4 years supervised release following incarceration. **There is no parole in the federal judicial system.**

On April 13, 2006, DEA executed a search warrant at **Snodgrass's** home in Muhlenberg County, Kentucky. The search resulted in the seizure of 5.602 kilograms of marijuana, 141.48 grams of pure methamphetamine, and 475 hydrocodone tablets with a net weight of 386.6 grams. Agents also found items for distributing controlled substances such as Digital scales, drug paraphernalia, and drug packaging materials. Agents also found approximately 33 rifles and 12 handguns with the controlled substances and \$30,574.05 in cash. **Snodgrass** admits that he

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possessed the methamphetamine and marijuana with the intent to distribute it, and that he possessed the firearms in furtherance of his drug trafficking crime, specifically, to protect both his drugs and the cash proceeds of his drug business. **Snodgrass** had pled guilty on November 29, 2006.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Madison T. Sewell and was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA).

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